

30 September 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
The CIA Member, USIB

SUBJECT : SNIE 53-2-64: THE SITUATION IN
SOUTH VIETNAM

BACKGROUND

1. This special estimate was requested on an urgent basis by the Acting Director of Central Intelligence for consideration at the USIB meeting of 1 October. It was to consider the change (for the worse) of the situation and prospects in South Vietnam since our SNIE of 8 September.

SUBSTANCE

2. There were no major disagreements during coordination of this estimate, and we anticipate no dissents at the USIB.

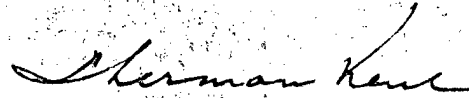
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3. In its original form this paper was fully coordinated with OCI and FE/DDP. The present draft is close to

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the original in tone and scope, but as of now (1630
Wednesday) we have not as yet received their comments.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:



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